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**From:** Nassif, Julianne (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009 12:02 PM  
**To:** Connolly, Grace (DPH)  
**Subject:** RE: HR Request Due Today

sounds more like an impact statement than a plan...let me know if you need changes

The following reductions in force (Farak, Sonja; Hanchett, James; Pontes, Rebecca; Salem, Sharon) will result in the closure of the Amherst Drug Laboratory as these four individuals are the entire staff. This laboratory currently tests approximately 25% of all drug seizures submitted to MDPH for analysis. Towns in western Massachusetts will be required to bring their samples to the already overburdened Boston Laboratory (currently a six month backlog of samples to test).

Stacey Fieden is an analyst in the Boston Drug Laboratory. Her involuntary layoff coupled with the additional burden resulting from the closure of the Amherst Laboratory will lead to a significant increase in sample turnaround times, the sample backlog and requests for expedited testing. The likely consequence will be dismissal of drug cases and release of suspected drug dealers.

Julie

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**From:** Connolly, Grace (DPH)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** Szymczak, Elizabeth (DPH); Nassif, Julianne (DPH); Gilchrist, Mary (DPH)  
**Subject:** HR Request Due Today  
**Importance:** High

Hello,  
I know you're swamped but HR needs to know the plan to cover the responsibilities the people scheduled for layoff are going to be covered. Please send a brief description for:

- Bird, Ciranna
- Stowell, Marcia
- Nagle, Austin
- Farak, Sonja
- Hanchett, James
- Pontes, Rebecca
- Salem, Sharon
- Feiden, Stacey

The Amherst drug lab can be grouped with a general statement. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Grace

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